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DOJ:

I disagree with your decision to settle the Microsoft antitrust case. The remedies agreed to do not go far enough to address the problem of a predatory monopoly with a profit margin around 40%. I agreed with Judge Jackson's remedy, and I did not believe that the appeals court decision totally precluded this remedy. I feel that the DOJ should have continued to pursue this remedy until it was irrevocably foreclosed. Microsoft has crippled a company I held in high esteem: Netscape Communications. Netscape employees were the true innovators. Microsoft shamelessly copied them, and used monopoly revenues from their operating system to finance the destruction of a potential competitor. Lawyers can argue all they want, but the public knows the plain truth. Microsoft used revenue from Windows to try to kill Netscape, and succeeded in severely crippling them. This was illegal, because of Microsoft's monopoly status. The fundamental intentions of Microsoft were no different from the outrageous oil trusts which prompted the anti-trust laws. I believe Justice is not well served by the settlement agreement.

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